amount of Rs. 16.25 lakh was spent during these two years for organizing training and mass awareness programmes in the country. Out of this, Rs. 60,000/- was spent in Karnataka.

MNC's right over water

†763. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Multi National Companies are acquiring the rights over water instead of that of the community;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Central Government and other State Governments are also contemplating to privatize this sector;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) to (d) No, Sir. The rights over water are not being given to Multi National Companies. The National Water Policy envisages inolvement of stakeholders, Non-Governmental Organisations and the private sector in planning, development and management of water sources. As laid down in the policy, the water supply and sewerage services in some of the mega cities are being contemplated by some of the State Governments to be given to the Corporate Sector on lease basis for management and improvement of service efficiency.

Creation of Grid System

764. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the comprehensive New National Water Policy proposed for creation of a grid system for major rivers to tackle frequent drought and floods in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) and (b) The National Water Policy 2002 provides that water should be made available to water short areas by transfer from other areas including transfers from

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

one river basin to another, based on a national perspective, after taking into account the requirements of the areas/basins.

The National Water Policy 2002 also stipulates that in planning water resource development projects, the need of drought-prone areas should be given priority and in highly flood prone areas, flood control should be given overriding consideration in reservoir regulation policy even at the cost of sacrificing some irrigation or power benefits.

12.00 Noon

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

Report and Accounts (2000-2001) of the National School of Drama, New Delhi and related papers

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): Sir, I lay on the Table a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:

(a) Annual Report and Accounts of the National School of Drama, New Delhi, for the year 2000-2001, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.

(b) Review by Government on the working of the above School.

(c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (a) above. [Placed in Library. *See* No. L.T. 6032/02]

National Water Policy, 2002

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI): Sir, I lay on the Table a copy (in English and Hindi) of the National Water Policy 2002. [Placed in Library. *See* No. L.T. 6033/02]

I. **Statement on modification of the Award by BOA.**

II. **Statutory Order of the Ministry of Finance and Company Affairs.**

III. **Notifications of the Ministry of Finance and Company Affairs.**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ANANDRAO VITHOBA ADSUL): Sir, I lay on the Table a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Statement regarding